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Each generation has produced gifted persons of exceptional character, foresight and ability who have assumed positions of leadership and responsibility in the governance and betterment of this great land. Scholar, teacher, attorney and jurist, Warren E. Burger is destined to continue to make significant contributions to the legal profession, the enlightened administration of justice, and a just and humane society.

Having attended the University of Minnesota, he earned his Bachelor of Laws degree magna cum laude in 1931 from St. Paul College of Law, now the Mitchell College of Law.

He engaged in the private practice of law from 1931 until 1953, first as an associate in the firm of Boyesen, Otis & Faricy, and then as a partner in the successor firm of Faricy, Burger, Moore & Costello. Concurrently during the years between 1931 and 1946, he served with distinction as a member of the faculty of the St. Paul College of Law.

In 1953 President Eisenhower appointed Chief Justice Burger Assistant Attorney General of the United States in charge of the Civil Division of the Department of Justice. Although he had planned to return to private practice in St. Paul in June of 1955, he remained in the service of his country and the law, as Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia. During his thirteen-year service on the Court of Appeals, Chief Justice Burger, as a Circuit Judge, received deserved recognition for his efforts to improve the criminal justice system and for his sweeping recommendations to reform the administration of justice.

On May 22, 1969, he was nominated by the President to be the Chief Justice of the United States. Promptly confirmed by the Senate, on June 23, 1969 he became the fifteenth Chief Justice of the United States.

In recognition of these outstanding achievements as a dynamic jurist, and for his beneficial influence upon the laws throughout the country, the Trustees of New York Law School are pleased and honored to confer upon Warren E. Burger the degree of Doctor of Laws "honoris causa," with all the rights, privileges and honors thereunto pertaining.

MILTON HELPERN, M.D.

The career of Dr. Milton Helpern is intricately interwoven in the rich tapestry which embroiders the lives of all those who reside in this vast metropolis. Born and educated in New York, Dr. Helpern received his bachelor of science degree from The College of the City of New York in 1922 and his M.D. degree from Cornell University Medical College in 1926. He interned at Bellevue Hospital in Cornell's Second Division between 1927 and 1929 and then continued his association with Bellevue through 1931, serving as Resident Pathologist and Pathologist.

Upon the completion of his professional training, Dr. Helpern embarked upon his life's work in the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner for the City of New York, serving first as Assistant Medical Examiner from 1931 to 1943, as Deputy Chief from 1943 to 1949, as Chief Medical Examiner from 1954 to 1974, and presently as consultant.

In 1937 he co-authored the classic *Legal Medicine, Pathology and Toxicology* and over the years has published approximately one hundred articles dealing with such diverse topics as child abuse, sudden infant death, narcotic deaths, operating room deaths, coronary disease and traffic accidents.

A superb scholar and exuberant educator, the expertise of Dr. Helpern has enlightened and illuminated the work of physicians, attorneys, elected public officials, police officers, mystery writers, and the bench the world over. Rarely has one individual been so honored by his academic colleagues to hold the titles of Emeritus Professor of Forensic Medicine, Emeritus Professor of Pathology, Honorary Chief of Pathology, and Emeritus Lecturer in Pathology from New York University School of Medicine, Cornell University Medical College, the Hospital for Special Surgery, and the University of Southern California Medical School respectively. In addition to the aforementioned responsibilities, Dr. Helpern is Founder and Director of the Institute of Forensic Medicine for New York University and the City of New York; the list of his honors is endless and equally impressive.

In recognition of his pioneering work in the field of forensic medicine, the friends of Dr. Helpern established the Milton Helpern Library of Legal Medicine—the only library of its kind in existence. It is therefore not surprising that the Milton Helpern International Center of Forensic Sciences was founded in 1974 by INFORM and its building dedicated in 1975 at the Wichita State University in Kansas.

Dr. Helpern, in view of your truly distinguished service to New York, the Nation, and the betterment of mankind regardless of political boundaries, by authority of the Board of Trustees, New York Law School is proud to confer upon you the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws, "honoris causa", with all the rights, privileges and honors thereunto appertaining.

MARY GARDINER JONES

Attorney, educator, civic leader, author, lecturer and pioneering consumer advocate, the accomplishments of Commissioner Mary Gardiner Jones are legion in number and of inestimable value to the well-being of countless numbers of citizens in whose name she has served the nation.

A native of New York, she earned her bachelor of arts degree from Wellesley College in 1943, taught history at the George School, a Quaker institution in Pennsylvania, for one year, and served as a research analyst in the International Law Section, Research and Analysis Branch, of the Office of Strategic Services in Washington, D.C. during World War II. Thereafter, she began her legal education at Yale Law School where she was managing editor of the *Yale Law Review* and upon graduation in 1948 was made a member of the Order of the Coif.

The professional career of Commissioner Jones in government and the business community is characterized by an exquisitely tuned sense of justice, integrity, egalitarianism and scholarship. As an associate of the Wall Street firm of Donovan, Leisure, Newton & Irvine, Commissioner Jones was engaged in private practice between 1948 and 1953. In January, 1953, she was appointed Chief Trial Attorney for the Antitrust Division of the New York Office of the Department of Justice. In 1961, Commissioner Jones returned to private practice at the firm of Webster, Sheffield, Fleischman, Hitchcock & Chrystie, specializing in trial and anti-trust work, and remained there until 1964 when President Johnson nominated her on October 17th to fill an unexpired term as a Federal Trade Commissioner. She was confirmed by the Senate on March 17th, 1965 and was reappointed to the Commission for a full seven-year term on September 26, 1966.

Following the completion of her FTC duties, she was named Professor of Law at the University of Illinois and then in June, 1975 became Vice President for Consumer Affairs for the Western Union Telegraph Company.

An individual of uncommon brilliance and vitality, Commissioner Jones is a trustee of Wellesley College, a trustee of Colgate University, and a member of the National Advisory Council of Hampshire College.

Commissioner Mary Gardiner Jones, in the light of your distinguished achievements, as protector of the disadvantaged and public conscience of the business community, and by authority of the Board of Trustees, New York Law School is proud to confer upon you the degree of Doctor of Laws, "honoris causa," with all the rights, privileges and honors thereunto appertaining.

HARRY OSTROV

The legacy of a law school lies in the accomplishments of its graduates. Since his graduation from New York Law School in 1925, Harry Ostrov has served his profession, his clients, his community, and his alma mater with dedication, expertise and sensitivity.

Admitted to the Bar of the State of New York in 1927, as well as the United States District Court for the Eastern and Southern Districts of New York, and the Tax Court of the United States, Harry Ostrov maintains membership in the American Bar Association, the New York State Bar Association, and the Bar Association of Nassau County.

A Mason of national reputation, Mr. Ostrov is a member of the Hancock-Dirigo-Adelphi Lodge No. 23, Free and Accepted Masons. Between 1962 and 1964, he was elected Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York. He has also served as Thrice Potent Master from 1936 to 1938 and as Commander-in-Chief from 1954 to 1957 of the prestigious Scottish Rite Bodies of the City of New York. Concurrently in 1954, he was made an Honorary Member of the Supreme Council (33^o).

A man of deep religious convictions, Mr. Ostrov is an Honorary Trustee of the Central Synagogue of Nassau County, having been an active trustee from 1943 until 1973, as well as leading the congregation as its President from 1951 through 1953. In recognition of his invaluable contributions to the life of his community, Harry Ostrov has been the recipient of the Waldemar Medical Research Foundation Award "for vision and ceaseless dedication to the betterment of humankind", the first Moses Maimonides Brotherhood Award "for exemplification of the Spirit of Brotherhood in Masonry", the Annual Interfaith Award "in recognition of outstanding achievement in attaining the highest ideals of goodwill, tolerance, understanding and mutual respect", and the Distinguished Alumnus Award of his alma mater for conspicuous service to the profession, the community, and the School.

Harry Ostrov, as founder of the New York Law School Alumni Association, and in view of the creativeness, sensitivity and compassion you have brought to all those who bask in the warmth of your wisdom, and by authority of the Board of Trustees, New York Law School is proud to confer upon you the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws "honoris causa", with all the rights, privileges and honors thereunto appertaining.

JOSEPH SOLOMON

Devoted friend of education, patron of the arts and eminent attorney, Joseph Solomon of the Class of 1927 is a distinguished alumnus of New York Law School. Born of impoverished Russian immigrant parents, Joseph Solomon experienced at a tender age the unyielding hardships associated with growing up poor in the tenements of New York. Undaunted by these circumstances, Joseph Solomon worked long hours to overcome what for others would have been insurmountable obstacles.

At the age of fifteen, he became a ten-dollar-a-week messenger boy for his present firm's predecessor. Having observed the workings of the legal profession on a daily basis, Joseph Solomon determined that he too would pursue the proper course of study which for him meant passing the regents qualifying examination as well as the prerequisite courses in foreign languages, mathematics and history. The evening division of New York Law School was well suited to the needs of Joseph Solomon, who for three more grueling years worked by day, attended law classes at night, and studied in transit. Upon his graduation, he passed the bar examination, served a year of continuous clerkship, and in 1929 joined the legal staff of the firm for which he had been employed as a messenger boy.

A man dedicated to high standards, Joseph Solomon continues to give of himself and his resources to a number of worthy endeavors. He is Chairman of the Dr. Alfred Meyer Foundation at Mount Sinai Hospital, a Director of the Milton Helpern Library of Legal Medicine at New York University, a Governor of the New York Lawyers Club, and a member of the Board of Directors of the New York County Lawyers Association. Indeed, his compassionate understanding of the less fortunate as well as his finely honed appreciation of the needs of dynamic institutions have earned for him the esteem of well known educators, his colleagues and his clients.

In 1972 he was the first recipient of the Columbia University Presidential Award of Distinction; in 1975 he was presented with the first Special Citation ever awarded by the Board of Directors of Mount Sinai. His alma mater in appreciation for his guidance and support, awarded him with the first New York Law School Medallion for meritorious service on December 12, 1975.

Joseph Solomon, in recognition of your outstanding achievements and for your steadfast devotion to excellence and by authority of the Board of Trustees, New York Law School is proud to confer upon you the degree of Doctor of Laws "honoris causa", with all the rights, privileges and honors thereunto appertaining.

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